

City of Beaverton DDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Meeting was opened by Kurt Grove at 5:15 PM at the Beaverton City Hall

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Renee Lang, Lou Stornello, Kurt Grove, City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, Jason Blades, Christine Gerace, Scott Govitz, Kelly Wyrembelski, and Cindy Trumble

City Staff: Jodie Klamer

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lang, supported by Blades to approve agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2024, Motion by Blades supported by Trumble with correction of approval of agenda by Mayor Case not Mayor Nau and Theresa at North Star Title Insurance Agency not Title Insurance. All voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Motion to approve January financial report by Blades, supported by Stornello. All voting aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

- There were no updates given for DDA property.
- Huntington Bank wants to sell the parking lot as is. Wyrembelski is going to ask Statewide Survey what they would charge for surveying the extra 2'. She also suggested getting a warranty deed and title insurance. The board said we should start with the purchase agreement and have the city attorney draft it. The buyer would pay all closing costs. Wyrembelski will email Statewide Survey. Lang and Wyrembelski will talk to Beaverton Hardware owners.

- **DNR Trailhead update:** Lisa Eastwood, Engineer for Fleis and Vanderbrink gave a presentation on the DNR Trailhead update (Knox/M-18) project and SPARKS Grant (city grant for t2 cities pathway). The proposed plan is not much different than the DNR grant that was submitted. Improving the gravel lot by creating a paved parking area that meets the city's standards. The brick pavers will match the street streetscape that is in the rest of the downtown area and add some concrete sidewalks there. There is a landscaped area with park benches. An ADA ramp will be installed and an overlook the lake. It is 178 square feet and will have benches. The railing will look like the drawing with treated lumber post but metal railing & grading steel fencing. Eastwood feels the railing is a little less maintenance. The decking will be compost. The two ADA accessibility was the selling point for the DNR Grant. There will be some bike racks. MDOT reviewed the plans and are on board with crosswalk and the driveway being closed off. We do need a permit from Eagle for construction of the boardwalk.
- **SPARKS GRANT (city grant for t2 cities pathway) discussion with Lisa Easterwood,** The sidewalk ends at Croll Street and Center Street. In the grant application, we propose to connect to the current trail that would include 260' of boardwalk and tie into existing sidewalk. The city would have to put in storm sewers, new driveway approaches and replace the guardrail. Replacing guardrail might have to be 8' boardwalk instead of 6'. That application was submitted on January 31st and the Council of Michigan Foundation will make their decision February 23rd. They will notify applicants between February 23rd and March 15th. On March 15th it will be made public. There were 39 communities that could apply. If awarded this project, we would need to have plans designed and bid out and contractor selected by end of this year. Then construction by October 2026. If they must do extra permitting, it is cost more. Govitz suggests staying out of the wetlands.
- **GERACE DISCUSSED THE GLADWIN COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDERS** – Gerace wanted to remind everyone to come to the Gladwin County Community Builders at 751 S. M-18, Gladwin on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 2:30 in the afternoon so we can discuss your ideas.
- **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (MDRD)** – The city didn't get the grant. Govitz is working with Kennedy Shea that works with the Northwoods students on special projects. The students will be in the business association meeting to give their ideas on Wednesday.
- **WHAT CAN THE DDA DO AND BE?** - Govitz would like to have planning meetings once a month to talk about the community and plans. Housing was one of the examples he gave.

Motion to adjourn.

All voting aye, meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM
Respectfully submitted,

City of Beaverton